

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed August 9, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,6-12 and 14-25.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 6-12 and 14-25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 and those claims which depend from Claim 1 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 1 sets forth that the light fixture extender has a first coupling region adapted to couple with an outer portion of a base of the light fixture and a second coupling region adapted to couple the extender with a diffuser of the light fixture and that the first coupling region is independent of the light bulb and the base of the light bulb. The prior art did not show or suggest the claimed invention. Claim 9 and those claims which depend from Claim 9 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 9 recites that the socket and bulb are independent of the rim of the base and that the extender is removably interposed between the base and the diffuser. This limitation was not shown or suggested by the prior art. Claims 16-19 are allowable over the prior art because Claim 16 sets forth a light fixture extender with a base mount to attach to the base of a light fixture without engaging a light bulb or the base of a light bulb and a diffuser mount to attach the extender to the diffuser with an extension region between the base mount and the diffuser mount. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Claim 20 is allowable over the prior art because Claim 20 sets forth a light fixture extender having a first coupling region adapted to removably couple the extender with the base of a light fixture with the extender being independent of and not in contact with the light bulb and a second coupling region adapted to removably couple the extender

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with the diffuser of the light fixture and an extension region extending between the first and second coupling regions with the extension region including a plurality of vents for air circulation. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Claim 21 is allowable over the prior art because Claim 21 sets forth an extender for a light fixture with the light fixture having a base to be secured to a mounting surface with a socket and bulb independent of the rim of the base and an extender with a first coupling region adapted to couple with the rim of the base and a second coupling region adapted to couple with a diffuser of the lamp fixture and an extension region between both coupling regions of the extender to accommodate different length bulbs. This combination of limitations was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any questions regarding this Office action should be directed to Examiner Neils at (571) 272-2377.



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